





## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 8796

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

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Inventor(s): Magee et al.

Confirmation No. 8121

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Serial No.: 09/994,191

Date Filed: 11/26/2001

Group Art Unit: 3761

Examiner: Michael G. Bogart

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Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLE FASTENING DEVICE

1. [] No additional fee is known to be required.

2. [x] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA*	RATE	FEE
TOTAL	* 18	MINUS	** 21	=	x \$18 =	\$0
INDEP.	* 7	MINUS	*** 4	= 3	x \$84 =	\$252
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$280 =	\$0
					TOTAL	\$252

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

- 3. [x] The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2003 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time.
- 4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
  - a. [x] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16:
  - b. [x] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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In re Application of

LUKE ROBINSON MAGEE, ET AL.

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For ABSORBENT ARTICLE FASTENING DEVICE

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3790

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows and consider the accompanying Remarks. This Response is timely filed in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.8 and MPEP §512, and fully addresses each and every issue raised in the subject Office Action. In light of the following Amendment and Remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the present Application is respectfully requested.

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